

total of 4,800 annual hours per investment company. The estimated total annual burden for all 4,295 investment companies subject to the rule therefore is approximately 20,616,000 hours. Based on conversations with fund representatives, however, the Commission staff estimates that even absent the requirements of rule 31a-1, most of the records created pursuant to the rule are the type that generally would be created as a matter of normal business custom and to prepare financial statements.

The estimates of burden hours are made solely for the purposes of the Paperwork Reduction Act, and are not derived from a comprehensive or even a representative survey or study of the costs of Commission rules. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Written comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collections of information are necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information has practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Commission's estimate of the burdens of the collections of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burdens of the collections of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Consideration will be given to comments and suggestions submitted in writing within 60 days of this publication.

Please direct your written comments to Michael E. Bartell, Associate Executive Director, Office of Information Technology, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 5th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20549.

Dated: December 9, 1999.

Margaret H. McFarland,

Deputy Secretary.

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Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

Upon written request, copies available from: Securities and Exchange Commission Office of Filings and

Information Services Washington, DC 20549.

Extension:

Rule 15c2-8, SEC File No. 270-421, OMB Control No. 3235-0481

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget ("OMB") a request for extension of the previously approved collection of information discussed below.

- *Rule 15c2-8 Delivery of Prospectus*

Rule 15c2-8 requires broker-dealers to deliver preliminary or final prospectuses to specified persons in association with securities offerings. This requirement ensures that information concerning issuers flows to purchasers of the issuers' securities in a timely fashion. There are approximately 8,500 broker-dealer, any of which potentially may participate in an offering subject to Rule 15c2-8. The Commission estimates that Rule 15c2-8 creates approximately 50,000 burden hours with respect to 650 initial public offerings and 1,750 other offerings.

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Written comments regarding the above information should be directed to the following persons: (i) Desk Officer for the Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10102, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503; and (ii) Michael E. Bartell, Associate Executive Director, Office of Information Technology, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20549. Comments must be submitted to OMB within 30 days of this notice.

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Deputy Secretary.

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Rule 9b-1, SEC File No. 270-429, OMB Control No. 3235-0480

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget a request for extension of the previously approved collection of information discussed below.

Rule 9b-1 sets forth the categories of information required to be disclosed in an options disclosure document ("ODD") and requires the options markets to file an ODD with the Commission 60 days prior to the date it is distributed to investors. In addition, Rule 9b-1 provides that the ODD must be amended if the information in the document becomes materially inaccurate or incomplete and that amendments must be filed with the Commission 30 days prior to the distribution to customers. Finally, Rule 9b-1 requires a broker-dealer to furnish to each customer an ODD and any amendments, prior to accepting an order to purchase or sell an option on behalf of that customer.

There are 4 options markets that must comply with Rule 9b-1. These 4 respondents work together to prepare a single ODD covering options traded on each market, as well as amendments to the ODD. These respondents file no more than one amendment per year, which requires approximately 8 hours per year for each respondent. Thus, the total compliance burden for options markets per year is 32 hours. The approximate cost per hour is \$100, resulting in a total cost of compliance for these respondents of \$3,200 per year (32 hours @ \$100).

In addition, approximately 2,000 broker-dealers must comply with Rule 9b-1. Each of these respondents will process an average of three new customers for options each week and, therefore, will have to furnish approximately 156 ODDs per year. The postal mailing or electronic delivery of the ODD takes respondents no more than 30 seconds to complete for an annual compliance burden for each of these respondents of 78 minutes, or 1.3 hours. Thus, the total compliance burden per year is 2,600 hours (2,000 broker-dealers × 1.3 hours). The approximate cost per hour to these respondents is \$10 per hour, resulting in a total cost of compliance for these respondents of \$26,000 per year (2,600 hours @ \$10).

The total compliance burden for all respondents under this rule (both options markets and broker-dealers) is 2632 hours per year (32+2,600), and